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Who: The California Energy Commission and the California Public Utilities Commission will consider adopting The *Final Decision on Greenhouse Gas Regulatory Strategies* at separate meetings.

When: Thursday, October 16, 2008

California Public Utilities Commission
10 a.m.
505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco
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California Energy Commission
2 p.m.
1516 Ninth Street, Sacramento
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What: The Final Decision on Greenhouse Gas Regulatory Strategies, proposed jointly by Chairman Jackalyne Pfannenstiel and Commissioner Jeffrey Byron (California Energy Commission's AB 32 Implementation Committee) and President Michael Peevey (California Public Utilities Commission) provides recommendations and outlines a variety of options for the Air Resources Board (ARB) to consider in deciding how to design a program to achieve the greenhouse gas emission targets in the electricity sector.

In addition to a strategy of mandatory emission reduction measures based on energy efficiency and renewable energy, the Final Decision offers recommendations for market-based regulations such as a multi-sector cap-and trade program to meet the goals set out in the ARB's *Climate Change Scoping Plan*. The ARB's *Scoping Plan* expects that the electricity industry will contribute at least 40 percent of the total greenhouse gas reductions from direct mandatory approaches and measures. With the addition of a potential cap-and-trade program, the electricity sector may be called upon to reduce its emissions even more. To achieve these ambitious cuts in GHG emissions, the *Final Decision* offers recommendations and options in energy efficiency and renewable resources and combined heat and power (CHP) and describes a possible multi-sector cap-and-trade program.

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